

April 2007

Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter



BENEFIT DAY FOR KATIE HOLLAND Horse'n Around Game Day

Join us for a game day on May 12th at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. All proceeds will go to Katie Holland & Family. Donations are also welcome. Check in will start at 8:00 am and games will start at 9:00 am. Games include: poles, hole-in-one, keyhole, quadrangle, flag race, barrels, and ribbon race. Cost is only \$5 per game or \$30 for the day. Four different age levels: 18-over, 17-14, 13-9, 8 & under. Any questions or if you would like to help, contact Jessica Woodring at (406)580-6707.



Montana 4-H Recreation Lab

The 2007 Montana 4-H Rec Lab will be held April 20-22, 2007 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. The cost is \$75 per participant, this includes lodging at the Bozeman Holiday Inn. Registration due date is April 3, 2007. Registration forms are available at the Gallatin County Extension Office or online at www.gallatinextension.com. The schedule is packed full with exciting activities for both youth and adult participants beginning Friday evening at 7:00 pm with registration and a motivating opening session at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Saturday will be filled with lots opportunities to learn tips and tricks in a variety of different hands-on workshops. There will be a banquet and dance Saturday evening to celebrate another great Rec Lab. The event will close on Sunday morning at approximately 11:00 am after an inspiring reflection and exchange of ideas. A more detailed schedule including workshop descriptions is available. Learn tips and tricks for creating magical moments in your club, community, and county.

LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING

The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Bring your appetite and a few bucks for pizza. **Next meeting date is April 10, 2007.** The public is always welcome to attend, however the Council may go into Executive Session for issues of confidentiality and close the meeting to the public.

Attention 4-H Livestock Project Members

This years **Animal Quality Assurance Workshop** will be held on Thursday, April 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Belgrade High School Cafeteria and will be presented in a completely different format. Quinn Holzer, Extension Agent for Lewis and Clark County, will be our presenter and promises to conduct a hands-on workshop that will to be both educational and engaging. We will even feed you pizza and provide soft drinks at no cost to you. **Please RSVP by calling 388-3213 by Wednesday, April 4th, 5:00 pm** so that we order enough pizza and drinks.

AQA – What is it? Animal Quality Assurance is a program that makes you aware of consumer preferences, teaches proper medication techniques including injections and withdrawal times, and assists 4-H members in producing the best possible product for the consumer. Many professionals in the livestock industry are required to take an Animal Quality Assurance course.

AQA is required for beef and sheep project members and highly encouraged for swine project members. The certification given after completing this workshop is valid for two years. If you attended last year, you are not required to attend again until 2008. If you can't remember, please call the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 388-3213 – we have a list. This workshop will count toward your required workshops for all three species. See you on April 5th.

Mountain Magic Junior Classic 13th Annual Steer and Heifer Show

The 13th Annual Mountain Magic Junior Classic Steer & Heifer Show will be held on May 19, 2007 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds in Bozeman, Montana. This show is open to all 4-H, FFA, and Breed Association Members. This is a great show for all steers. Awards will be given to the top 5 in each class. For more information, contact Buck or Sally Smith at 585-9692 during the day or 388-7238 in the evenings.

4th Annual 4-H/FFA Marias and Teton Feeder Show

The 4th Annual 4-H/FFA Marias and Teton Feeder Show will be June 2nd, 2007. This is an excellent opportunity for youth with market steers or yearling heifers to show their animals outside of their local fair. The 2007 Feeder Show will be in Choteau, MT at the Weatherbeater. More information to come.



Public Presentation Day 2007 Encourage Your Club Members to Participate



Public Presentation Day (Demo Day) is an opportunity for 4-H members to present to an audience an aspect of what they have learned in 4-H. Speeches or demonstrations can be as short as 5 minutes plus questions. 4-Hers may present any area of their 4-H experience and will have a small audience including one or two judges. **This year's date is set for April 10, 2007 for 11 year old and up and April 12, 2007 for 10 year old & under at the Belgrade Middle School from 5:30 PM-8 PM.** Presentations spots are available every 15 minutes beginning at 5:30 p.m. A short awards ceremony will be held immediately following the presentations and prizes will be given to participants and the club with the greatest percentage of members competing.

There are several divisions for presenters. Cloverbuds may participate in the 6-8 year old group, but are not judged or placed. Members who are 9-10 years old have two brackets in which to enter. Those giving their first ever demonstration at the county level will be judged separately than those giving their second demonstration.

The next age division is for 11-13 year olds. At this level, presenters have their choice of doing a speech or giving a demonstration. Experienced presenters are again separated from those with no experience.

Older teens, 14-19 years old, may also choose to deliver either a speech or demonstration which should be anywhere between 7 to 20 minutes long. The first place winner receives an all expense paid trip to Montana 4-H Congress where they may compete at the state level.

The experience young people receive from this event is tremendous. They become more confident, learn communication skills, and discover where they can improve. Forms are available online at: www.gallatinextension.com or in the Extension Office by calling 388-3213. You may reserve your time slot over the phone.

Classic 5 Horse Show Series

There is a series of 5 open horse shows with an awards ceremony at the end honoring the overall high point winners. The dates of the shows are: May 19th, June 2nd, June 16th, June 23rd, and July 14th. The office will open at 8 am and the show begins at 9 am. All shows will be held at the Metra Super Barn in Billings, MT. Each show is sponsored by an individual sponsor and there are high point awards at the end of each show. For questions contact Duane at 373-0070 or Kat at 254-2520 or 690-1710. Stalls are available upon request.

Spring Shedding Horse Show

On April 7th the Gallatin Saddle and Harness Club is sponsoring a schooling show, 23 classes to enter, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Contact the Gallatin County Extension Office at 201 West Madison, Suite 300 in Belgrade (east of Lee & Dads grocery store in the Valley Professional Offices, Building #2) for an entry form.

Whitehall B-Y's 4-H Youth Rodeo

The B-Y's Youth Rodeo will be held on Sunday, May 6, at the Whitehall Rodeo Grounds. All youth ages 8-18 years old are invited to participate. Events include cow and steer riding, breakaway roping, team roping, calf daubing, goat tail tying, pole bending, barrel racing, and ribbon race. Fees are \$8 per event and all registrations must be post-marked by April 20th. Contact the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office for details and a registration form.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY:

We need a 4-H club to do concessions for Pre-Fair at Circle L Arena on May 20th. The first 4-H club to call Shannon at 581-7478 will be the lucky 4-H group to have this as a fundraiser. This is a first come first serve.

Horse

HORSE COMMITTEE INFO: Horse Committee Members: Shannon Brooks, 388-0886; Misty Radue, 388-6655; Amy Lewis, 580-6693; Barb Barber 282-7030; Jeff Cooper, 388-1624; Edie Baker, 285-3657



REMINDER: If you need to be assessed, you need to meet with a Horse Committee member. It is already April so think about getting assessed if you need to move up a level or be assessed into level 1.

RANCH HORSE: Team Penning Clinic with Rod Cline at Circle L Arena at 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., **Friday, April 13th**. Please pre-register with Shannon at 581-7478

Ranch Roping Clinic: Indoor Arena at Fairgrounds with John Ensign, **Friday, April 20th** 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Please pre-register with Shannon at 581-7478

Ranch Horse & Reining for FAIR will be held on **Saturday, June 23rd** at 1:00 p.m. at the Circle L Arena
Timed Events for FAIR will be held on **Sunday, June 24th** at Circle L Arena. Time to be announced.

Tri Workshop - **April 15th** at the Fairgrounds starts 9:00 a.m. and will run all day (Bareback, Showmanship & Trail).

Equitation Clinic - (MSU Horseman's Club will be teaching Equitation & Etiquette), **April 21st**, pre-register with Katie Cooper at 580-9278 for time & place.

C2M Clinic - **April 29th** at 1:00, call Barb at 282-7030 for place and to pre-register.

Play Day Clinic - **April 28th** at Fairgrounds at 9:00 a.m. For more information call Katie Cooper at 580-9278

Pre Fair - **May 20th** at Circle L Arena at 9:00 a.m. Must register at the 4-H office.

MSU Youth Horsemanship School

The Montana State University Youth Horsemanship School has been developed to provide Montana Youth with useful equine information and skill development. The goals are to increase horsemanship skills, provide knowledge and incentive to be a more effective rider/horse unit and provide an enjoyable and effective educational experience. The date for this year's school will be June 25-June 29, 2007 and the cost is \$290 per student (Includes lodging, meals, and stalls). **Only the first 50 students will be admitted to the 2007 Youth Horsemanship School. Because of the popularity of the School, it will probably fill up quickly. We advise that if you are interested in attending, to send in your application and registration fee as soon as possible. Contact the 4-H office for application.**

Scholarships Available: The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leader's Council is providing scholarships for 4-H members wanting to attend the Youth Horsemanship School. The amount of each scholarship will be determined by the number of applications received. To apply, please write a letter detailing why you want to attend the camp and submit your letter to the 4-H office by **April 9th**.

Summer Fun in Bozeman

Summer Fun in Bozeman is returning to the Gallatin County Fairgrounds June 16th & 17th, 2007. Remember how much fun you had at the horse show last year? Well, this year we expect it to be even bigger and better. We have added classes for the "Colt to Maturity" participants which include: 1 & 2 year old halter, lunge line and Trail in Hand. APHA members - come show your paint horses in the APHA Specialty Show! We have reduced entry fees for 4-H members and many High Point awards to be awarded at the end of the show. Plan on attending the "Luau Dinner" on Saturday Night for good food and fun! We will be giving awards to the Clubs who collect the most items towards show prizes and/or monetary donations and program ads. All proceeds go directly to the Horse Committee for educational clinics and fair high points. So get out and collect donations and start working on your tan for the "Summer Fun in Bozeman Open Horse Show"! For more information contact Katie Cooper @ 388-1624 or Maria Jerome @ 388-0849 or any 4-H Horse Committee member.

Arts & Crafts

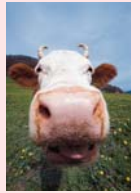
Hi everyone! I would like invite you to the brand new Arts & Crafts club. We have lots of fun things planned. We will be doing all types of crafting. **March 22 will be our first meeting.** We will be meeting at the Michael's Craft Store in Bozeman at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$2.00 per child. Bring your ideas for crafts and art projects that you would like to do. We will be discussing upcoming projects and what everyone wants to do. The group is open to all ages. Younger kids may require a parent to stay and help. Leaders - if you paint or have an artistic talent that you would like to share please give me call. A little bit about my family. We moved to Montana almost 3 years ago and lived in Helena until January of this year. Then we moved into Three Forks. We are a homeschool family. We have 7 kids - 4 still at home - Caitlin - 16, Patrick - 14, Maggie - 12 & Erin - 7. We look forward to meeting the other 4-H'ers and getting involved in the various clubs. For more information call me at 285-6827. Please RSVP as there is limited space in the classroom. Thanks, Belinda Mooney - Project Leader



Beef Project

Beef weigh-in **April 22**, 1:00 p.m. at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds

Fitting workshop for beef breeding & market will be held **May 5** at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena. We will offer two sessions for your convenience, please plan on attending one. The morning session will run from 9 a.m. to 12:00, the afternoon session will run from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact either JD at 539-0404 or Lexi at 321-1542.



Crochet, Embroidery, and Knitting Project

We will meet in the Conference room of Rocky Mountain Supply on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 6:30 pm. We will continue working on your Fair projects. A month is a long time to go if you have a question. If you need help between meetings, please contact Kelley at cksrabbity@bresnan.net, or 599-1454.



Dog Agility & Dog Obedience

4-H Dog Agility will start on **Thursday, April 12th** from 4:00 - 5:30 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Please contact Nancy Creel at 522-7748 if you have any questions.



Dog Obedience Project will meet on April 10th, May 15th, and June 19th. Watch your newsletter for further dates. As Fair approaches, more workshop dates may be scheduled than indicated above.

Leathercraft

LEATHERCLASS will start **Tuesday, April 3rd** at 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at R.O. Brooks Custom Leather Shop, 234 E. Main (next to McKenzie River Pizza). Bring your stamping tools and mallet if you have them. Leatherclass will be every other Tuesday.



Livestock Judging

Attention all livestock judging kids. The Lewis and Clark County Livestock Judging Invitational will be held **Sunday, April 15th** in Helena. Call Nancy at 284-3525 for more information.



Photography

We are taking a tour of Bruce Pitcher Photography Studio on **April 26th** at 4:30 p.m. Call Kathy at 388-3159 to RSVP.



Poultry

April 7 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm we will be headed to the Gallatin County Rest Home for a community service project. Bring a friendly bird that the senior citizens will be able to pet.

April 28-29 the Montana Poultry Fanciers will be hosting the National Poultry Show in Great Falls.

May 7 at 7:00 we will resume our normal meeting schedule at Valley Bank of Belgrade. We will be talking about feed and working on our poultry books.



Quilting

Quilting will be April 21st at Valley bank of Belgrade from 10 am to 3 pm. Note the change of date for this time only.



Rabbit

We will have two options for this month. You may either come to the Gallatin County Rest Home on Durston Rd. in Bozeman on Saturday, April 28th at 10 a.m. to show off your rabbit(s) or come to Manhattan's Century Village Assisted Living Center on Saturday, April 14th at 2:00 p.m. I would like to get as many breeds there as possible so everyone please bring one of every breed that you own and we will do our own show & tell. We will also practice showmanship – the seniors love it!!! I will come armed with showmanship questions and any 3rd year and up members please think of 5-10 questions. Everyone will learn more this way! Please note that Durston will be closed between 7th Street and 11th so come in on 15th and feel free to drive slowly and carefully around the road closed sign and go to the rest home. They still dearly want to see us!!.

Powell, WY is having a big ARBA and youth show on Saturday, April 21st. Call Alexa Minnix at 307-754-3863 or go to the ARBA website for more details.



Sheep

Spring is just around the corner, it will soon be time to be looking for your 4-H lambs. Be sure to read your 4-H newsletters and watch for upcoming workshops (you must have 3 workshops in before Fair). Also watch for Club lamb sales. This is a list of local breeders that will also have lambs for sale: Gerry Dusenberry, Bob Spring, Abbie Brogger, Carlee Smith, Cheryl Otte (Reedpoint), Jumpin Jack Ranch (Big Timer), Kathy Smith (Whitehall). All signed contracts need to be mailed to: Sally Smith, 3155 Leah Drive, Belgrade, MT 59714.



Club Lamb Sales:

April 21st, Montana Prime Pick Club Lamb & Pig Sale, Hays Show Lambs & G Bar T Club Lambs, at the Y Knot Equestrian Center in Huntley. Anyone that wants to attend Trish Hays workshop can use this as **one of your workshop requirements**.

April 15th, Patty Nissen in Havre. This will not be eligible for a workshop. Contact Nancy for more information.

MANDATORY Tagging & Shearing & Weigh-in will be **SATURDAY, MAY 12TH FROM 7:30 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.** This will not be a workshop but a mandatory tagging and shearing day. **Please call Nancy at 284-3525 to sign up for a time.**

Swine

Pig Pool: The pig pool date is set for **April 14**. Viewing is at 11:00, pick your pig is at 12:00 at the Hog Barn at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. If you plan on obtaining your pig from the pig pool and have not RSVP, please contact Sandy at 388-6900 or 581-8080 as soon as possible.

This will enable us to have enough pigs for those getting pigs at the pig pool. There will be a workshop with Dale. Topics will cover how to pick your pig, housing, feed. **Make sure you have signed up for 4-H and the pig project. If you haven't, you will not be able to purchase pigs at the pig pool. If you purchase your pigs elsewhere, you need to contact Sandy or Randy Bryant to obtain ear tags from the Bryant's.**

There will be a small fee for the ear tags to cover the cost of the tags. Do not tag with your own tags. This will help avoid duplicate ear tag numbers for the market sale at fair. The Bryant's will also need to know the name of the breeder of your purchased pigs. This information is required for MSU's swine of excellence program. If you have any questions call Sandy at 388-6900 or 581-8080.



Vet Science

Vet Science will be meeting at the Thirteen Mile Lamb and Wool Company on either Tuesday April 10th or Wednesday April 11th at 6:30 p.m.. Please call Shawna at 539-0895 for exact day and directions.



Montana 4-H Foundation Announces "Super Raffle"

The Montana 4-H Foundation is conducting a 2007 "Super Raffle", with 4 great prizes available. Tickets are available for \$100 each, and no more than 1,000 tickets will be available. The drawing will take place October 13th, in Miles City during the Foundation's 2007 fundraising banquet.

Those who purchase tickets will have a chance to win:

A \$5,000 shopping spree at Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply.

An Arctic Cat 400 4x4 ATV, with automatic transmission.

A "Moly - Silencer Chute" – This automated hydraulic chute.

A Husqvarna "Platinum Plus" sewing machine.

For more information or to reserve raffle tickets, call (406) 994-5911.



Tell Us Your 4-H Story

The NAE-4HA Public Relations & Information Committee is compiling a book of 4-H Stories and wants you to share your 4-H Story! **Submission Guidelines for your 4-H Story:**

1. Think about a time when you were "touched" or "moved" by an interaction between a 4-H member and a volunteer or staff member. How about a funny story that happened at 4-H camp, the county fair, a 4-H meeting or on a 4-H trip.
2. Tell your story in a way that will make the reader feel an emotion; happiness, sadness, joy, or inspiration.
3. The story should start with action, include a problem, issue or situation. Make sure to introduce your characters. The story should end in a result, lesson learned, positive change or payoff.
4. Most importantly—let it come from your heart! Your story is important! We are hoping to collect stories from all 50 states!
5. For additional submission ideas, visit the "Chicken Soup for the Soul®" web site at www.chickensoup.com

Submission Criteria: Maximum of three double spaced pages, 12 point Times New Roman font, one inch margins all around, in a Word document. Include your contact information including name, phone, email address and setting of the story (approximate year). Selected stories may be edited for length and content. Stories not selected will be preserved for possible future use or published in an on-line format. Anonymous contributions will not be considered.

Submit your story for consideration to dtabler@umd.edu by **June 1, 2007**.

4-H "Learn by Doing" photo contest

Deadline: May 1, 2007

Don't forget about the second annual 4-H "Learn by Doing" photo contest! In the first contest, youth submitted photos that captured the "learn by doing" spirit by showing 4-H'ers doing everything from feeding livestock to sewing quilts, making cinnamon rolls. But there are hundreds of projects and other 4-H activities to show off. We'd love to see more entries that catch kids involved in 4-H activities, especially with a teen or adult mentor. Youth can enter photos from 4-H photography projects as long as they adhere to the contest rules. But any young person under 18 can enter even if they are not in 4-H, as long as their photo depicts a 4-H youth "learning by doing." Because we would like to publish the winners and retain entries to help promote Montana 4-H, we ask photographers to provide model releases from people pictured.

More information is available at <http://extn.msu.montana.edu/communications/4hphotoinfo.html>.



Seeking a Top Teen

A teen 4-H member (14 or up) with leadership qualities and abilities is being sought to fill the role of Junior 4-H Ambassador for Gallatin County. The Junior and Senior Teen Ambassadors are the official spokespersons for the county 4-H program with the duties of promoting 4-H to all non-4-H audiences. This could include presentations to schools, letters to the editor in the local paper, recruiting volunteers, or any other 4-H promotional event. Ambassadors are asked to attend ambassador training during pre-congress weekend and a conference in the fall. The term of office is two years and begins in July during 2007 Montana 4-H Congress. At the end of the first year, the Junior Ambassador becomes the Senior Ambassador and a new Junior is recruited. If interested, go to www.gallatinextension.com and you can print a PDF application or please call the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 388-3213 for the form. Application deadline to is May 1st.

2007 Montana 4-H State Awards and Scholarships

State award and scholarship applications are due to the 4-H Center postmarked by May 1st, 2007.

The Montana 4-H State Award program is to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in project and activity award areas. All applicants must be 14-19 years old prior to October 1 of the current 4-H year. State award winners are recognized at Montana 4-H Congress and receive a certificate of achievement and a medal. Winners are also eligible to attend National 4-H Congress. Also due May 1st, 2007 is the application for the State Awards & Scholarship selection committee. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the state awards process from a different perspective. All agents, volunteers, and or youth ages 15 and older are eligible to participate. Committee members are tasked with the exciting process of reviewing and selecting this years' award and scholarship recipients. Committee members have a very important job and are a necessary part of the state award process. All expenses for the State Award selection committee are paid by the Montana 4-H Foundation. Those interested should please complete a selection committee application. Please contact the 4-H Office at 388-3213 for the application forms for the State Awards or Selection Committee. Please contact Brett Schomer at bschomer@montana.edu with any questions regarding the state awards application process or the selection committee. Brett has lots of great information and helpful tips for applying for an award and is happy to share examples of completed award applications from past years.

National Volunteer Week - April 15-21, 2007

WE SALUTE THE VOLUNTEERS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO DONATE THEIR TIME AND TALENTS TO HELP BUILD OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE FUTURE THROUGH THE EXTENSION 4-H PROGRAM. THANKS FOR TOUCHING THE FUTURE THROUGH OUR YOUTH.

Sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation, National Volunteer Week is about thanking one of America's most valuable assets – our volunteers – and calling the public's attention to all that they do to improve our communities. The 2007 theme is "**Inspire By Example**" because it truly reflects the power volunteers have to inspire the people they help, as well as, to inspire others to serve! National Volunteer Week began in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. Since then, every U.S. President has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week. Additionally, governors, mayors and other elected officials make public statements and sign proclamations in support of National Volunteer Week. Take a minute and thank your club leader, project leader, or others who give their time to our youth.

TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS, YOUR UNSELFISH DEDICATION TO OUR YOUTH IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

Turn off the TV Week 2007 -Tune into Family Fun!

From **April 23-29**, millions of people across the country will participate in **TV Turnoff Week**. The goal of TV Turnoff Week is to promote active living and motivate kids, families, and adults to try living without TV, videos, or computer games, for a week. The long term goal is to help families moderate the use of them to stay active and live healthier lives. For more information on TV Turnoff Week, visit: www.tvturnoff.org. Study after study demonstrate reducing television, videos, electronic games and recreational use of computers is a leading way to reduce obesity, increase literacy and standardized test scores and dramatically curtail acts of violence and bullying. Take the challenge! Pledge to go screen free for a week and encourage others to do the same. Unplug...and turn on an active healthy life! For more information on TV Turnoff Week please call Jill Martz @ 994-3099.

Horse Give-away

A free horse is available to a 4-H member who can provide a good home. The horse is a gentle Quarter Horse mare, 15 hands, and is bay/roan in color. She can be a tough loader and could go lame if ridden hard due to a past hoof condition. But she will make a good pleasure horse. Interested 4-Hers must submit an essay/letter detailing why they would like to receive the horse, how it would benefit their 4-H project, and the facilities available for housing. Turn your letter into the 4-H office by April 9th and the horse committee will determine the winner.

Poop for Paws Service Project

"Poop for Paws" is an area project being conducted in conjunction with National and Global Youth Service Day where volunteers will be picking up dog poop on April 21 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Participants may solicit sponsors to pledge any dollar amount (or penny amount) for every pound of dog poop picked up. The money will go to Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter (not associated with the Human Society of the United States).

Five parks are being identified for pick up and will be announced soon. Participants will meet at the Boys and Girls Club at 1:00 to get materials and assignments. After the cleanup, there will be snacks and activities for the participants. There will also be prizes for the teams that picked up the most poop and a raffle for everyone. Organizations throughout Bozeman are encouraged to have some kind of interactive activity for the youth. For more information, contact Katie McKeown from the Montana Conservation Corps at 587-4475 or email at katie@mtcorps.org.

Equine Law and Liability Workshop - Understand and manage the legal risk of equine activities

This workshop will be held at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds on June 2-3, 2007. Topics to be covered will include: Policy and Procedures, Providing a Safe Ride, Understanding Insurance Coverage, and Negligence Laws and the Equine Activities Statutes in Montana. Registration fee is \$150.00 and must be received by May 25, 2007. Contact the 4-H office for scholarships available to help offset the cost of the workshop. Registration form is available at the Extension Office.

International Programs Update:

Thanks to our great Regional International Coordinators, we have managed to place about 15-16 of the 26 Japanese students and chaperones coming to Montana this summer. Coordinators in 3 regions are working hard to find more families, but could use some help. If you have an interest in hosting a Japanese student or chaperone from July 21-August 19, please contact one of the coordinators listed below, the 4-H Center for Youth Development (994-3502) or your County Extension office. Youth delegates range in age from 12-18 and are placed with families who have children the same gender as and who are within two years of age of the delegate they host. Most needed are families with boys.

In addition to the summer exchange, we need three families that are willing to host a year-long high-school student; we have two Japanese students coming (male, female) and one FLEX student (gender unknown at this point). Families hosting high-school students need not have similar aged children (or children at all, although it is a benefit).

Finally, we have 4-6 IFYEs coming. These older youth (20-26) are coming from Austria (2), Germany (1), Ireland (1), and possibly England and/or Australia. Hosting times vary so please contact Stephanie at 994-3502 for more information.

4-H CAMP COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT)

This is your first step toward becoming a Jr. Leader and Camp Counselor Note: Last Years CIT's must reapply. Due to limited space available for CIT's at 4-H Camp, only the most qualified applicants will be selected. Those not selected may still come to camp, but as a camper, not a CIT. The Counselor in Training (CIT) will carry out the same responsibilities as the Counselor; however, they will work with a Counselor. The Counselors plan the 4-H Camp program with the assistance of the Counselors in Training, Camp Manager, and the County Extension Agent. All are responsible for selecting the program topics, and arranging the speakers, equipment or other materials needed for camp. Each Counselor and CIT will be responsible for specific responsibilities in the pre-planning stages of camp and at camp itself. As part of the Leadership Team, the Counselor and CIT shares in the overall responsibility for the success of camp – the learning, safety, and fun. If you are interested in becoming a CIT, you must have completed the 8th grade by the date of camp. You must also turn in a completed application to Gallatin County 4-H by **April 16, 2007**. Selections will be made within a few weeks after the deadline. **Pick up your application at the 4-H Office at 201 West Madison, Suite 300 in Belgrade (just east of the Lee & Dad's shopping center). Camp for Jr. Leaders is June 17-22, 2007.**



**Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council
March 13, 2007
MacKenzie River Pizza, Belgrade, MT**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:45 pm by President, Kathy Cheney.

ROLL CALL: Council members present were Kathy Cheney, Chris Phipps, Kelley Phipps, Todd Kesner, Shay Fiegi, Sandra Fiegi, and Leia Miller. Guests present were Sonja Berg.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: Sandra moved, seconded by Shay, that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelley moved, seconded by Chris, that the Treasurer's Report be approved as written. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sonja suggested that we send thank you's to the County Commissioners. The board thought this was a good idea.

COMMITTEE AND LEADER REPORTS:

- Ice Machine: The Fair Grounds bought the ice machine according to our stipulations. Todd will divide the \$1,600.00 between the projects with bills at the Fair Grounds.
- Bookkeeper: Todd reports Kelley is doing a great job. Kelley, Todd, and Kathy are signers on the new account, and the checks should arrive Monday.
- Demo Day: Prize gathering is underway and going well.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- MSU Horsemanship Scholarship Requests: To date, two members have asked for scholarships to the MSU Horsemanship Camp. Sandra moved, seconded by Shay, to table the requests until the next meeting, as we would like to see if there are more requests. Motion carried.
- Weekend Exchange with Big Horn County: Big Horn County would like to have a weekend exchange with Gallatin County this summer. Host families will be needed over a 3-4 day period for this event. Sandra moved, seconded by Kelley, that we move forward in finding out more information. Motion carried.
- 4-H Sign for the Office: Todd asked if we would consider purchasing a sign to include with the rest of the signs out front of the office buildings. The sign would measure 84" x 48" and would include Montana Extensions and 4-H. The cost would be \$600.00, and Todd believes he can get help covering part of the purchase price. Sandra moved, seconded by Kelley, that we take \$300.00 out of Advertising for the purchase of the sign. We would also like Todd to check into prices for a sign on the office door. Motion carried.
- Grant Request: A grant request for the Small Bore .22 project was received. Sandra moved, seconded by Shay, recommending the Foundation approve the requested \$871.00. Motion carried.
- Thank You's to the County Commissioners: Todd will ask Cyndi to put an announcement in the newsletter asking project and club leaders to send a letter of thanks to the County Commissioners. The announcement is to include the names and addresses of our County Commissioners.
- Gift Certificate to Café Career for Adrenna: Todd thought it would be nice to do something for the previous bookkeeper, Adrenna. Sandra moved, seconded by Kelley, that we purchase a \$50.00 gift certificate for Adrenna to Café Career, with the money being taken out of Late Fee Scholarships. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- March 31, 2007 ~ Gallatin 4-H Grant Application Deadline
- April 09, 2007 ~ Horse Committee Meeting
- April 10, 2007 ~ Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting
- April 26, 2007 ~ Foundation Spring Meeting

ADJOURNED: Sandra moved, seconded by Kelley, that we adjourn at 7:40 pm. Motion carried.

Secretary: Leia Miller/klp





Stars of the Falls Quilt Show 2007

Presented by Falls Quilt Guild

April 27-29

Montana ExpoPark Exhibition Hall in Great Falls, Montana

More than 300 quilts

Raffle Quilt - Merchant Mall - Hourly Door Prizes - Lectures and Demos

Friday, April 27 – Noon to 8, Saturday, April 28 – 10-6, Sunday, April 29 – 10-4
\$4 for all three days

For more information, contact Lynn Hebert, artlynn@3rivers.net, 406-264-5312

Contact the Extension Office at 388-3213 for entry form.

Montana Suffolk Sheep Breeders Association Ewe Grant

Montana Suffolk Sheep Breeders Association is offering one grant for \$200 to be used to purchase a ewe or ewe lamb for youth ages 9 to 16. The following requirements are to be met by the recipient of said grant:

- ❖ Purchase ewe from a current MSSBA member. Payment of ewe will be made directly to said breeder from the MSSBA.
- ❖ Maintain and breed ewe in flock for two years.
- ❖ Maintain a youth membership with the MSSBA for two years. The first year will be paid by the MSSBA.
- ❖ Read provided material from the MSSBA and gain a better knowledge of sheep health and care.

The Montana Suffolk Sheep Breeders Association (MSSBA) was founded in 1981. The purpose of the association is to foster, promote and develop the Suffolk breed and the sheep industry in general. The deadline for application is June 30th. Please call the 4-H office at 388-3213 for an application and details.

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Camp Opportunities

Looking for Montana's next generation of resource managers and environmental scientists.
These three events reach out to youth of all ages and provide learning opportunities.

Montana Range Days - June 18-20, Conrad, Montana: Teens, pre-teens and parents who want to learn more about Montana's vast rangelands should plan now to attend Montana Range Days. The three-day event will be packed with fun, hands-on workshops for all ages. Participants will learn the best land management practices, how soils influence plants and water, how to identify plants and what makes them different and how to follow changes in range conditions. After a day of learning, Super Starters (ages 9-11), Wranglers (ages 12-13), Youth (ages 14-19) and Open Class (ages 14-114) will compete in plant anatomy, plant identification, range sites, monitoring, range planning and stocking rate competitions. Buckaroos (ages 4-8) will enjoy plenty of learning activities, too. Adults also have the opportunity to attend three range management tours. Tours will visit the Blackleaf Wildlife Management Area, the Western Triangle Experiment Station and Froggies Stopping Place along the Whoop-Up Trail and the Teepee Ring Bison Ranch. Registration costs \$30 for individuals or \$80 per family by June 1. The web site is: <http://cartercd.org/MRD%20page%201.htm>

Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp - July 22-27, Missoula, Montana: Spend a week in the rustic setting on University of Montana Lubrecht Experimental Forest east of Missoula, learning about Montana's natural resources. The accommodations are comfortable, the food is great, and the instruction and friendships are the best! The camp is for students ages 14-18 years old. There may be scholarships offered through your local Conservation District.

Montana Youth Range Camp - July 23rd-27th, Musselshell, Montana: Campers age 12-18 will be introduced to 25 of Montana's important range plants-grasses, forbs, and shrubs-and will learn about the interaction of soils, water, plants, wildlife and livestock in the range. The camp provides an excellent opportunity for youth of varying backgrounds to become more aware of the value and potential of Montana's rangeland. This well organized, balanced, and educational program brings together range professionals and interested students to learn in the great outdoors. Evening programs and activities allow campers an opportunity to meet new friends and develop lasting friendships.

Please visit the Natural Resources and Conservation website at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/camps/default.asp> for more information and applications.

4-H Outdoor 3-D Archery Shoot - Saturday, April 28, 2007

Buffalo Jump Archery, 4260 Buffalo Jump Road, Three Forks, Montana 59752

Registration starts at 10:00 a.m. - Shoot starts at 11:00 a.m. - 40 shot course

Age Divisions, 9-11, 12-14, 15+

Primitive, Bare Bow, Limited, Unlimited

Prizes for top shooters in each division

Entries are due on Monday, April 23, 2007

Please call 285-4111 to register

\$8.00/person

Parent supervision is requested.

Concessions will be available

“PLEASE COME AND ENJOY A GREAT DAY AND A FUN COURSE!”



Montana 4-H Archery National Qualifying Invitational

The second archery national qualifying invitational will be held Saturday, May 12, 2007, in Helena. Start time will be 8 a.m., place to be announced. Last year's event was a real groundbreaker for those who participated. None of the shooters had participated in all three events before, so it was a learning experience for all. The qualifier proved to be very valuable when we got to nationals, because the team members were confident of the events and rules. Montana's team not only won first place as a team but placed three individuals in the top 10. They were perfect ambassadors of our state, meeting serious 4-H shooters from across the nation, offering support and encouragement to all, and competing with a very high level of knowledge and skill in a friendly way. We were all extremely proud of them!

Now we're very excited about forming another team from the wide selection of talented Montana 4-H archers. This year we hope to include a recurve team as well, and double our numbers for this wonderful opportunity! Complete information about the national event can be found at www.4-hshootingsports.org. Coaches and shooters alike, contact Nancy Roe at 933-8520 or e-mail goatroepen@juno.com with questions.

Montana 4-H Congress

Your Passport to Adventure, Meet Your Friends at 4-H Congress on July 10-13 at MSU. Montana 4-H Congress provides youth from across the state an opportunity to come together on the Montana State University campus in Bozeman for 4 days and participate in an event like no other. Congress offers both youth and adults a venue in which to learn, be challenged, and most of all have a great time with their peers. Its purpose is to provide a safe and fun environment for youth to experience all that 4-H congress has to offer including: contests, workshops, entertainment, social events and much more. This year's planning committee has worked hard to create an exciting time for you here at Congress that builds on the theme of adventure.

Whether you are coming to excel in a contest, experience campus life, check out MSU for college, or just re-connect with old friends, this year's Congress will reward your travel with lots of positive memories. Contact the Extension Office at 201 West Madison, Suite 300, Belgrade (east of Lee & Dads grocery in the Valley Professional Offices, Building #2) or call 388-3213 for application or more information.



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2007 Summer Fair "Summer Days & Country Ways"
July 18-22, 2007

FAIR ENTIRES - VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

ENTRY DEADLINE FOR FAIR: June 29th, 2007

(late entries will be accepted with a late fee from June 30 to July 9th.

ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES AFTER JULY 9TH, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

This year entries will close 1 week before fair and **ABSOLUTELY** no one will be allowed to enter the fair after that. It is difficult to plan ahead for ribbons, space needs, animal stalls and pens, etc if late entries are allowed and not fair to others who have abided by the rules. So watch the newsletter for deadline times and teach your children a valuable lesson - how to turn in entries early so as not to miss out. If you miss the last deadline, your children WILL NOT be allowed to exhibit at the fair. Please be considerate of the amount of time it takes to put on a fair and get your entries in on time! Fair entry books and entry forms will not be mailed out, you can pick them up in the 4-H office. **We will have the 4-H pages of the fairbook and entry forms available Mid-April in the office or online at www.gallatinextension.com.**

Once again this year, up to date record books are to be shown at interviews or to project leaders at fair time in order to receive your premium money. 4-H is great because not only do you get to learn about what you are interested in but you also learn how to keep records and evaluate you own success, failures, and progress. Be proud of yourself and show your record books at fair. If you need record book forms, contact your leader or the 4-H office, or go online to www.gallatinextension.com and choose the following links: 4-H, Forms, Record forms.

Summer Camp Dates:

June 19-22, 2007 at Hyalite Youth Camp (Jr. Leaders June 17-22, 2007)